

The *Voting Access Act* is supported by: ACLU, NALEO Education Fund, Mi Familia Vota, and Common Cause.

"The ACLU is proud to support the Voting Access Act and ensure voters are not denied access to the ballot. This is critically important in light of the troubling voter suppression measures that have surfaced across the country," said Jennifer Bellamy, Legislative Counsel, with the Washington Legislative Office of the **American Civil Liberties Union**.

"The biggest challenge facing our democracy today is that few Americans are able and willing to exercise their right to vote. Issues in Maricopa County and other locations across the country this November demonstrated that long lines, a lack of timely access to polling place location information, and harassment continue to be significant barriers to voting for the nation's second largest population group and all Americans," stated Arturo Vargas, **National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials** (**NALEO**) **Educational Fund** Executive Director. "As a nation, we should be aiming to bolster the integrity of our democracy by making voting more accessible, not less accessible to its citizens. We applaud U.S. Rep. Grijalva for introducing legislation that would accomplish this goal by standardizing election procedures nationwide so that Latinos and all eligible voters are able to cast ballots free from intimidation and undue burden in 2018 and beyond."

"Ensuring that all eligible voters have equal access to cast a vote is crucial to the health of our democracy. The Voting Access Act provides federal minimum standards necessary to ensure that all voters are treated equally. We are proud to support this important piece of legislation because we understand the transformative effect that having access to political power through our vote has on communities who urgently are seeking long-lasting change," said Ben Monterroso, Executive Director of **Mi Familia Vota**.

"As some states restrict voting and make voters wait in longer lines, the Voting Access Act is needed more than ever," said Aaron Scherb, **Common Cause**'s Director of Legislative Affairs. "Common Cause commends Representative Grijalva for his longstanding leadership to promote voting rights so that all eligible Americans can have their voices heard at the ballot box."

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